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Hon. Lorna G. Schofield
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Kareem Davis
17-CR-610 (LGS)**

Dear Judge Schofield:

On behalf of Kareem Davis, and with the Government's consent, I write to respectfully ask that the Court adjourn the September 24 status date and set an in-person sentencing date for January 2021.

After having discussed the case with prior counsel and with Mr. Davis, undersigned counsel believes that a status conference on September 24 is not necessary. We have reviewed the trial transcripts and been in communication with members of Mr. Davis' family concerning letters for sentencing. We will be prepared to go forward with sentencing at a date set by the Court.

We ask for an in-person sentencing date in January because Mr. Davis faces a life sentence and would benefit from the opportunity to address the Court in person and to have his family present at sentencing. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, counsel has concerns about appearing in person this fall due to the anticipated virus surge, both personally¹ and for Mr. Davis' family. We hope that, by January, it may become feasible for all parties to once again appear safely at in-person proceedings.

¹ Lead counsel is seventy-five years of age with underlying COVID-19 high-risk health issues.

I thank the Court for its continued consideration and courtesies to counsel.

Respectfully,

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Richard H. Rosenberg, Esq.

Cc: All parties (by ECF)
Kareem Davis (by US mail)